WASHINGTON

INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS

sage of the Bill to Establish a Uniform Querantine System.

Senatorial Debate on the Reconstruction Resolutions.

Speech of Senator Stewart in Favor of His Plan.

Proposed Investigation Into the Condition of the National Banks.

teration of the Freedmen's Bureau Bill in the House.

The Constitutionality of the Civil Rights Bill Tested in the Virginia Circuit Court.

egro Testimony Decided Inadmissible Under the State Laws.

on Committee after the morning Sewart, of Nevada, succeeded in gaining the having produced from his desk a formidable sagues with the reading of a dreary way, enlightening them as to their whites, rich and poor, the wise and . Still, if the country cannot be ion to amend the bill by striking out the thir

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at an early day, establishing at the Treasury De-ont a system of sorting and forwarding to the

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THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

First Session.

SENATE.

Pending discussion on the West Point Academy bill the morning hour expired, and the reconstruction resolution were taken up.

Mr. Strawart, (rep.) of Nevada, took the floor. He said that in the condict of opinion upon questions of expadiency the only safe course was to do right; that there was little difference of opinion upon the fundamental there was little difference of opinion upon the fundamental there of our government; that all men are equally entitled the life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that the objections to the President's plan of reconstruction was its failure to realize the fond hopes of the American people that four millions of citizens, whose only offene is fidelity to the government, should possess these inalienable rights and be added so the strength of the Unon un support of its integrity and the financial burdens of the war and that his plan failed to furnish any security against the unlimited sway of the rebells in their local State governments, with an increased representation in tongress of the distoyal element of the rebellion. Yet he would admit that it was better than no plan, and that he was slow to condemn it unless and until he could improve it. An improvement of the President's plan involved a current of the provention of the evils complained of Genera amnesty and impartial suffrace were the only obvient remedies. These were endorsed by justice and humanity but corrected to the control of the contr

included that, liansmuch as the State law of Virginia forbade the introduction of major testinesy in civil usite to which white mea almost perfect usite to which white mea almost perfect usite to control white mea almost perfect the civil and political inspiration could negative regist to decide white presents or claims of the control of the major in the right to decide white presents of the could not be registed to decide white presents of the could not be registed to decide white presents of the could not be registed to decide white presents of the could not be registed to decide white presents of the could not be registed to decide white presents of the could not be registed to the could not a control of the could not be registed to the country of the could not be registed to the registed to the could not be registed to the registed to the could not be registed to the could not be registed to the could not be registed to the co

All persons appointed to service under this act, and the act to which this is an amendment, shall be so far deemed in the military prisoletion, and entitled to the military protection of the government while in discharge of the duties of their fields. And he is farrher enacted, That the account ascinn of the act to which this is an amendment shall be deemed to authorize the Secretary of War to insure such medical storage of other supplies and transportation, and afford such redical or other supplies and transportation, and afford such redical or other supplies and transportation, and afford such redical or other sides may be needful for the purposes named in mid section; provided, that he person shall be deemed ment for support, "within the mealing of the c. which all the support of the section of the section of the commissioner, to continue in office a surgicion of the Sureau, with their present rank, pay and any examples of the commissioner, to continue in office a surgicion of the Sureau, with their present rank, pay and any examples of the sureau, with their present rank, pay and any examples with other volunteer europeous, with like rack and componention, unless suitable surgeons in the requirar army can be thus assigned to duty.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted. That for the purpose of randering this Bureau self-suitable, and in the place of lands hereitofore assigned to free dimen and thereafter with the second of the second

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ed amending schedule C by straining relating to photographs. The paragraph amending section 170 of the present act was modified by extensive alterarious of the text and by adding a provise that whenever, in actions for penalties, the informer is a witness, the defendant shall also be admitted as a witness, and that any person who shall have a provided and the consideration under a threat of informing the consideration under a threat of informing

all kinds, cement, arministrations and separators; reapers, mowers, threshing machines and separators; mile and machinesy for the manufacture of sugar, syrup and mola-ses from sorghum, implies, beets and corn; cotton gins, hand rakes and grain cradies, so these, huba, felloes, poles, shafts and arms for carriages or wagons, wooden handles for ploughs and for other agricultural, household and mechanical tools and implements, and

for the same.

The paragraph relating to sails was made to read casils, tents, awaings and bage made by sewing from fabrics or articles.

The committee rose,

SO SYMPHEMENT ON BATTERDAY.

The SYMPHEMENT SHAPE desirous to speak on Saturday next, and Mr. Monnitz, gave notice that he would main upon the tax bill being acted on until disposed of.

ADDITEMENT.

COLLISION BETWEEN TWO BUIGS ONE OF THEM SUNK FOUR OF THE CREW LOST.

BOSTOS, May 24, 1865.

The brig Anna Elizabeth, from Sierra Leone, reports, at two o clock this morning, that she was run into by the British brig J. B. King, Captain Sanford, from Cow Bay for New York, and in five minutes after the collision the latter vessel sank, carrying down four of the crow Captain fanford and one man only were saved.

News from Memphis.
THE CHARGES AGAINST GENERAL RUNKLE, THE AGENT OF THE PRECOMEN'S SUREAU, SENIEGATING COMMITTER AT WORK.
MENTRY, May 24, 1866

A card appeared yesterday morning in the Balletia, signed by D. H. Roberts, charging General Runkle, Superintendent of the Presonen's Bureau, in connection with C. C. Smith, of the Intelligencer office, with refusing to contract for the employ of freedmen without a bonus of fifteen dollars spiece. The same statement was telegraphed in advance to papers in sev-eral of the Northern cities. On examination it appears eral of the Northern cities. On examination it appears that dishonorable propositions were made to the officers of the firreas, which falled to a compilate their purpose, and Roberts, himself the correspondent of a prominent Northern paper, published the card, and another correspondent felegraphed it in order to bring the Bureau efficers into disrepute. A statement appeared in all the papers this morning, signed by Roberts, desping and retracting everything in his card of the day before. The Congressional committee to day examined a number of witnesses. The investigation is likely to cover more ground than was expected and to show that the root was more extensive in its results than has previously been reported.

News from California.

Has Francisco, May 23, 1864.

The steamer Facramento, from Panama, has arrived, bringing New York dates to May 1.

The sales of wost the last seek amount to 225,000 pounds. Frices ranged from 17c. a 27c. Mining shares improving.—Ophir \$130, itself-feet \$210, Vollow Jacket \$607, Choline Fotom \$212. Legal tenders 76.

JEFF DAVIS.

Probability of the Postponement of His Trial.

A Year of Imprisonment at Fortress Monroe.

Review of the Leading Incidents of liis Prison Life.

Our Washington Despatch

Our Portress Monroe Correspondence.

PORTREM MONROE, May 22, 1866. day a year ago the steamer Wm. P. Clyde brought him here a prisoner of war. It was a memorable day in the

as private practitioner and in the army, he has equally faithful and scalous in regard to the hea Mr. Davis. He likewise furnishes him his meals, constant and unwearied in his attendance open him Davis never wearies of speaking of the kindness skill of both these genilomen.

SATISFACTORY CHANGE IN THE GASSISON.

A change favorable to Mr. Davis, and by him warmly mentioned and appreciated, was the disment of the volunteer organizations formerly garrist the fort, by regular troops of the Fifth United artillery, and Twelfth United States infantry regim in the 28th of last October the regular relieve volunteers. This change placed as custodians over volunteers. This change placed as custodians over officers of vasity different stamp, officers who are officers of vasity different stamp, officers who are officers and gentlemen, and saying this overyth said that need be.

ENTLEMANTON OF THE "RESCUE EXCITEMENT."

hight cane.

PRIVACAL APPRABANCE AND CONVERSATION.

It is well known that he has no pretension to beauty, being too tall, lank, sallow and hollow cheeked; but his erect carriage and easy and graceful walk carry with them an impress of dignity and power. I have alluded to his conversation as unusually fascinating and interesting. As described to me, that well proven description, if I may be pardoned for introducing a quotation so familiar, stands out very account.

and change of caref reached his ears through his barred windows, a full sense of his stuation must have come over him—his ambitious schemes frustrated, his treason patent to every one, the accord of Damocles hanging over him as palpably visible as was to young Hamiet the ghost of his muddered father. We leave him to night, but not to darkness and solitude, for a light is kept burging all night in the room and the eyes of his viginant guard are never off from him. He tosses about on his bed in wearned efforts to scheep; that beain's beay minmaries of the plottings and strivings of the past four years of his fife keep away the soothing goddees of slumber.

The public have not yet forgotten that, during the first few days of his integrition of his tife keep away the soothing goddees of slumber.

The public have not yet forgotten that, during the first few days of his imprisonment, Mr. Jefferson Davies showed as decided disposition to put on airs. I am telling the plain English of facts without foar or favor, and propose doing so to the end. He had been factator too long to be dictated to. He had been reliev too long to allow himself to be tamely ruled over. He might as anime as lofty airs of scorn as he pleased, and farms to has heart's content, but he most be desired and animal animals as that his write were encased in a pair of fron bracelets. Rarvy at one lesson of handculf curred Mr. Davies and proposed of which has been accounted to the second most effectively tames the wildest musaning; so this one lesson of handculf curred Mr. Davies and proposed of which his recention has been to stop foot of second most effectively tames the wildest musaning; so this one lesson of handculf curred Mr. Davies and other too to stop foot of second most effectively tames the wildest musaning; so this one lesson of handculf curred Mr. Davies of his continuous, I fine to time, the continuous, I fine to the second most effectively tames the wildest musaning; so this one lesson of handculf curred Mr. Davies of the case and the con

Just a month, to a day, Mr. Davis was kept in close to the service of the control of the control